Mr. Sanjiviah.—

Will Government request the Board of Education to submit their recommendations immediately?

Dewan.—

That is not a question.

MR. C. ABDUL NABI, B.A., LL.B. (Bangalore City).—

Q.—**5.** Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information.—

(*a*) The total expenditure incurred on the Bhadravati Iron Works from the initiation of the scheme up to the end of April 1925 under—

(i) Machinery of all kinds bought, including transport charges and cost of erection of the same.

(ii) Cost of building quarters of all kinds.

(iii) All other kinds of expenditure in connection with the same.

(*b*) (i) The total income received in cash up to the end of April 1925 by sale of all kinds of products and otherwise.

(ii) Amount and value of all stock of iron till the present date at the present market rate.

(iii) Amount and value of all other by-products in stock on this date at the present market rate.

(iv) The average monthly income received in cash.

(*c*) The current average monthly expenditure on the works under—

(1) Pay of officers drawing Rs. 100 and more classified as

(*a*) their actual pay;

(*b*) total amount of extra allowances of all kinds.

(*c*) If in payment of allowances to officers drawing the same or similar amount of pay, any difference is made; and if so, why?

A.—(2) All other kinds of expenditure.

(*d*) Whether there is any demand for any of the products and if so, from where?

(*e*) (*i*) The average of cost of production per ton (or any such standard measure) of

(*a*) Iron

(*b* Other by-products, *e.g.*, tar, alcohol, lime, acetate, etc.

(ii) The present market value offered per ton (or any such standard measure) for

(*a*) Iron (b) Other by-products, *e.g.*, tar, alcohol, lime, acetate, etc.

(*f*) In (*e*) which is greater (i) or (ii).

(*g*) If in (*e*) (i) is greater than (ii).

(*a*) Are there any immediate prospects of the sale prices becoming good and the products being sold at a profitable rate.

(*b*) Otherwise what do the Government propose to do in future.

(*h*) Whether the Works are being worked at a profit or at a loss.

(i) if at a profit, at what rate?

(ii) if at a loss, at what rate?

(*i*) (i) The cost of buying and erecting the saw mill.

(ii) Is it used now?

(iii) If it is not used, why?

(iv) Is it capable of being used for the benefit of the works or no?

(v) If capable of being used, in what way?

(*j*) (i) By whom are all appointments of Rs. 100 and above made?

(ii) The names, designations, qualifications, pay and allowances of all such officers.

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(*a*) The total expenditure on capital account amounted to Rs. 1,82,36,532 on 1st April 1925 distributed as under.—

(i) Cost of machinery, plant and permanent way in all divisions Rs. 1,59,74,624.

(ii) Rs. 5,66,635.

(iii) Supervision and other miscellaneous charges Rs. 16,95,273.

(*b*) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) Information required in these questions is treated as confidential and cannot be furnished.

(*c*) (1) (*a*) and (*b*) A statement is placed on the Table.

(*c*) The emoluments granted to officers depend upon the nature of the duties entrusted to them.

A.—(2) The question is not clear.

(*d*) Pig iron is being sold in India and America and to some extent in Japan, England and on the continent; acetate and alcohol are exported mostly to Japan and England, respectively.

(*e*) (i) and (ii) The actual cost and selling prices cannot be published.

(*f*) Please see reply to (*h*) below.

(*g*) (*a*) It is difficult at the present time to forecast the course of prices. The price of pig iron in India is below the pre-war level owing to special circumstances and there is bound to be an improvement sooner or later. The receipts from foreign sales are at present considerably reduced by the state of exchange and general trade depression.

(*b*) The Board of Management are taking necessary action to ensure that the loss is kept down as low as possible.

(*h*) The works are being carried on at a loss.

(i) and (ii) The amount of loss will depend on the market rate and the exchange.

(*i*) (i) Rs. 4,26,599.

(ii) No.

(iii) It is found to be unsuitable for billetting the species of wood available.

(iv) and (v) Its disposal is under consideration.

(*j*) (i) The Board of Management. All appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 500 and over require the previous sanction of Government.

(ii) The statement referred to in (c) above gives the information as far as possible.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. C. Abdul Nabi—

In regard to the above answer, *viz.*, (ii), (iii) and (iv) will the Government say what the confidential nature of the information asked for is?

Dewan.—

When Government say it is confidential, there is an end of it. Government have got the discretion to say which matter is confidential and which is not; and members must trust this matter to the discretion of Government.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

Is the information regarding the amount and value of stock at the Works also to be regarded as confidential ?

Dewan.—

Yes; that is the practice all over the world in regard to all commercial concerns. If the member himself had a shop or other concern of his own, he would also like to keep all this information confidential.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

In answer to question (i) (iii), it is said that for billeting the species of wood available, the sawmill is found to be unsuitable. If this is so, why was it erected at all at a considerable cost ?

Dewan.—

It was erected on the advice of Experts.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

So, the Experts' advice was wrong ?

Dewan.—

Experts are not always infallible.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

In regard to g (b), it is said that necessary action is being taken to ensure that the loss is kept down as low as possible. If this is the state of affairs of the Iron Works, is it in the interests of the State that such a concern should be allowed to continue ?

Dewan.—

Government consider that it is necessary to continue these Works even at a loss, at least for some time more.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

In regard to question j (i) will Government state whether the Chairman himself makes appointments up to Rs. 500 or the Board of Management does it ?

Dewan.—

The Board of Management makes the appointments.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

With reference to the statement appended to answer to question j (ii) may I invite attention to the fact that I had asked for pay and allowances being shown separately?

Revenue Secretary.—

Wherever allowances are sanctioned, they are also shown as such separately.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

Will Government say whether the pay of the Director, *viz.*, Rs. 1,400 carries any allowances with it?

Revenue Secretary.—

The Government Director gets a pay of Rs. 1,400 without any separate allowances.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

How much of that amount is his pay and how much allowance?

Dewan.—

Rs. 1,400 is the consolidated pay.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

What is meant by consolidated pay?

Dewan.—

That is the pay of the appointment of Government Director.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

Is information regarding cost of production and sale price also treated as confidential?

Dewan.—

Of course.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

In regard to answer to question No. (c) may I know whether officers getting the same pay get different rates of allowances?

Revenue Secretary.—

The statement gives the information. There is no rule that allowances should be uniform in the case of persons on the same pay.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

How are these allowances treated ?

First Member.—

They are treated as duty allowances.

MR. B. L. BYANNA (BANGALORE CITY):—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

1. How many Vokkaligar, Lingayet and Mahomedan students took their B.A. Degree from the year 1914 to 1924 in each district of the State (to be shown yearly).

2. How many of the Vokkaligars, Lingayets and Mahomedan graduates in each district of the State applied for Government service under these heads.

(*a*) Salary below Rs. 100.

(*b*) Salary above Rs. 100, but below Rs. 250.

(*c*) Salary above Rs. 250.

3. And how many were entertained amongst them in each district of the State.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) A statement is placed on the Table showing the number that passed the B.A. Examination from the year 1918, in which year the examination was held for the first time in the Mysore University. The information is not available by districts.

(2) and (3) The required information is not, for obvious reasons, forthcoming and cannot therefore be supplied.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

In regard to question 6 (2) and (3) the Government were pleased to say that the required information is not, for obvious reasons, forthcoming and cannot therefore be supplied. Am I to understand that "for obvious reasons" means shortness of notice? If so, will the information be furnished later on at least?

Chief Secretary.—

It is not possible to ascertain all the information. Besides, it is not worth while collecting it at considerable trouble. Information pertaining to the years gone by is not also available on record.